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EO 12065: RDS-1, 9/12/99, (CANNEY, PAUL F.) OR-M TAGS: PEPR, PGOV, PINT, SHUM, UR, SW SUBJECT: RAGUL WALLENBERG CASE

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1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT).

2. REFTEL RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF INTERVIEWING SOVIET DEFECTORS NOW LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES ABLE TO PROVIDE INSIGHTS AS TO THE MODUS OPERANDI THAT HIGHT HAVE APPLIED IN SOVIET HANDLING OF RAOUL WALLENBERG.

IN A DISCUSSION ON SEPTEMBER 12 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE FIRST DIVISION, POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, MFA (WHICH HANDLES SOCIET AFFAIRS, INTER ALIAY SVEN HIRDHAN, WE INQUIRED WHAT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT INTEREST MIGHT BE IN SUCH AN APPROACH. HIRDMAN REPLIED THAT IN FACT SOME SUCH INTERVIEWS HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST, WITH STATE DEPARTMENT COOPERATION. HIROMAN THEN SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE VERY INTERESTING TO HAVE THIS KIND OF ACCESS TO FORMER UN OPPICIAL AND SOVIET DEFECTOR SHEVCHENKO.

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